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DR. KASK APPOINTED TO TWO INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS

Dr. John L. Kask, Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has been appointed by the President as a United States member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna, Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman announced today.

On both of these Commissions Dr. Kask succeeds Milton C. James who retired as the Service's assistant director on March 31 of this year.

Dr. Kask is now in Costa Rica to attend the fourth meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission being held in San Jose from August 13 to 15.

These Commissions were established by conventions between the United States and Costa Rica and the United States and Mexico. Both were set up to make a joint study of certain tuna fisheries, namely yellowfin and skipjack, and related coastal bait fisheries, in the tropical waters of the eastern Pacific Ocean, "with a view to maintaining the populations of these fishes at a level which will permit utilization year after year without depletion."

The Mexican convention was signed at Mexico City on January 25, 1949, and entered into force on July 11, 1950. The Costa Rica convention was signed at Washington on May 31, 1949, and entered into force on March 3, 1950. This agreement is open to adherence by other interested governments.

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